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I can't state it strongly enough. The case against Microsoft was a stupid waste of taxpayer money! The end result was millions of \$\$\$ wasted. Because Microsoft was getting its foot in EVERY door and its products were EVERYWHERE the end result of this total waste of money is to FORCE Microsoft to be in even more places than it is now! By forcing Microsoft to donate software to schools the court is MAKING Microsoft do the very thing it got into trouble for doing! Just DROP the whole thing and go away now before you waste any more of MY money in another pointless chase after Microsoft. I'll agree that there MIGHT be better things out there than what Microsoft produces, but I have seen NOTHING that forces me to use Microsoft. Did Microsoft FORCE Apple to charge too much for a MAC computer so that most people would choose to buy IBM? No. Did Microsoft FORCE IBM to hold Microchannel close to the vest and not let anyone else make Microchannel products? No. Both of these bone-headed decisions were made without Microsoft input. Did Microsoft benefit from Apple and IBM making stupid choices? You bet.. So did I. The one GOOD thing about the case is that it kept a lot of lawyers busy and thinned out the crowds behind the ambulances.